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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN
"WALL STREET JOURNAL" OF MARCH 27, 1974. ARTICLE HAS
MOSCOW DATELINE AND BY-LINE OF ROBERT KEATLEY:

2. "THE U.S. BACKLASH. THE BACKLASH IS EASIER TO
DOCUMENT IN THE U.S., WHERE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DETENTE
IS BEING CRITICIZED FROM BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT.
FOR EXAMPLE, SEN. JAMES BUCKLEY OF NEW YORK, A
CONSERVATIVE-REPUBLICAN, CHARGES THAT MESSRS. NIXON
AND KISSINGER ARE 'SO CONCERNED WITH PRESERVING THE
APPEARANCES' OF IMPROVED SOVIET RELATIONS THAT THEY
ARE FORGETTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST. ANOTHER GOP
CONSERVATIVE, REP. BEN BLACKBURN OF GEORGIA, WILL
HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN
THAT 'HENRY KISSINGER MAY BE INVOLVED IN SOPHISTICATED
SURRENDER.'

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3. ON THE OTHER SIDE, SEN. ALAN CRANSTON OF CALIFORNIA, A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT, COMPLAINS THAT SOVIET 'BEHAVIOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT LEAST MAKES DETENTE ALMOST INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED COLD WAR. IT IS HARD TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE.'

4. SUCH DISENCHANTMENT POSES PROBLEMS FOR MR. NIXON AS HE STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE AN IMPEACHMENT EFFORT. 'E CITES PROGRESS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY DETENTE, AS HIS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT IN OFFICE. SOME CRITICS, THEREFORE, CONTEND THAT HE MAY STRIKE COSMETIC BARGAINS WITH THE RUSSIANS - BARGAINS DESIGNED MAINLY TO MAKE HIMSELF LOOK GOOD BACK HOME. THERE IS EVEN FEAR ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN THE PENTAGON THAT HE MIGHT CONCLUDE DANGEROUS DEALS ON NUCLEAR-ARMS CONTROL RATHER THAN LET TALKS APPEAR STALEMATED.

5. 'ANY AGREEMENTS WILL BE SCRUTINIZED HARD - WITH JUSTIFICATION,' ONE SKEPTIC OF DETENTE PROMISES."

6. "WARNS GEORGY ARBATOV, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.A. INSTITUTE (A MOSCOW THINK TANK USED BY THE RULING POLITBURO) AND WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE: MOSCOW'S FAILURE TO GET MOST-FAVORED-NATION TARIFF TREATMENT, CURRENTLY BLOCKED BY CONGRESS, COULD DO 'VERY SPECIAL HARM' TO SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THAT IS BECAUSE IT HAS BECOME SUCH AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL SYMBOL, HE SAYS.

7. STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS PROFESS NOT TO BE WORRIED. 'THERE ARE BOUND TO BE CERTAIN PERIODS OF PAUSE AND RETHINKING, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE NATURE OF REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US,' ONE RANKING OFFICIAL SAYS. 'YOU HAVE BURSTS OF ENTHUSIASM AND SUMMITS, THEN YOU RUB UP AGAINST REALITIES.' LIKE MOST OTHERS, HE CONTENTS THAT DETENTE IS GENERALLY LEADING TOWARDS IMPROVED RELATIONS AND ISN'T SLIPPING OR STATIONARY.

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8. BUT THERE ARE MANY OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL BUREAUCRACY WHO DON'T SHARE THAT VIEW. SOME CITIZENS PERCEIVE DETENTE, AS MR. NIXON RECENTLY PHRASED IT, 'AS TWO FOR THEM AND ONE FOR US.' FOR EXAMPLE, SOME CONTEND THAT THE RUSSIANS VIOLATED THE SPIRIT IF NOT THE LETTER OF TWO AGREEMENTS BY FAILING TO WARN WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF LAST OCTOBER'S MIDEAST WAR. THESE PEOPLE ALSO WONDER WHY DEFENSE BUDGETS KEEP RISING EVEN THOUGH

STRATEGIC ARMS-CONTROL AGREEMENTS ARE IN FORCE. THEY
SEE MUCH PRESENT AND PROJECTED TRADE WITH THE U.S.S.R.
AS A DISGUISED FOREIGN-AID PROGRAM FOR THE RUSSIANS,
WITH SOFT TERMS SUBSIDIZED BY TAXPAYER DOLLARS. AND

THEY WONDER WHY THE U.S. IS SUPPOSED TO BE SO FRIENDLY
TOWARD THE TOTALITARIAN SOVIET UNION WHILE WASHINGTON
IS BUSILY SQUABBLING WITH DEMOCRATIC ALLIES IN EUROPE
AND JAPAN.

9. THAT IS WHAT MAKES THIS KISSINGER TRIP EXTRA-IMPORTANT.
'THIS IS A TEST FOR THE ROSY VIEW OF DETENTE,' SAYS
RAY CLINE, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AS DIRECTOR OF THE
STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH BUREAU.
NOT ONE TO TRUST THE RUSSIANS FAR, MR. CLINE BELIEVES
THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MUST SOON MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD
TOUGHER NUCLEAR-ARMS CONTROL IN PARTICULAR OR THAT

'DETENTE WILL COME UNRAVELED.'" (END TEXT) RUSH

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